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SUBJECT: MILAN PROVINCE JUNE 15, 1975 COMMUNAL ELECTION RESULTS

1. SUMMARY. OUR ANALYSIS OF ELECTION RESULTS OF 225 COMMUNES IN MILAN PROVINCE (OF 248 PLUS CITY OF MILAN) VOTING JUNE 15 FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIONS INDICATES DC HAS LOST CONSIDERABLY IN TERMS RELATIVE STRENGTH WHILE PCI HAS GAINED MARKEDLY.

2. VOTING PERCENTAGE SHIFTS VARY WIDELY FOR DC WHICH LOST AS MUCH AS NINE TO TEN PERCENT POINTS IN SOME MAJOR CITIES BUT IN ONE OTHER CASE GAINED EIGHT. MARKED INCREASE IN RELATIVE STRENGTH OF LEFT IN GENERAL AND PCI IN PARTICULAR WOULD APPEAR TO BE DUE IN LARGE PART, HOWEVER, TO POPULATION SHIFTS, E.G. INFUX OF POPULATION INTO PREVIOUSLY MORE OR LESS RURAL OR SEMI-INDUSTRIALIZED AREAS. OF 20 COMMUNES FORMERLY UNDER 5000 INHABITANTS AND NOW OVER THIS LEVEL, DC HELD 16. IT NOW HAS MAJORITY OR HALF OF SEATS IN ONLY FIVE THESE COMMUNES AND A PSI/DC MAJORITY COALITION IS NOT POSSIBLE IN TWO. IN 14 COMMUNES FORMERLY BELOW 10000 INHABITANTS AND NOW OVER, DC HELD ONE MAJORITY AND GOVERNED WITH PSI IN SIX OTHERS. THE PSI CAN NOW OPT FOR A COALITION WITH PCI IN FIVE AND A DC/PSI MAJORITY COALITION IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE IN ONE. OF NINE COMMUNES WHICH MOVED INTO THE OVER 30000 INHABITANT CATEGORY

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JUNE 15, SIX WERE PREVIOUSLY CENTER-LEFT GIUNTAS AND APPEAR TO

HAVE REMAINED SO. HOWEVER, OF THE TEN NEW SEATS ADDED TO THE CITY COUNCILS, THE DC PICKED UP FOUR IN ONE CASE, THREE IN TWO OTHERS, ONE, TWO AND ZERO SEATS IN THE REMAINDER. THE PCI GAINED FOUR SEATS IN ONE AND BETWEEN FIVE AND EIGHT IN THE OTHERS.

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3. CHANGE IN NUMBER OF VOTES TWO PARTIES RECEIVED IN 1970 AND 1975 ELECTIONS SHOWS RELATIVE SHIFT EVEN MORE CLEARLY. IN COMMUNES MOVING INTO THE 10000-30000 CATEGORY, THE DC GAINED IN THE AGGREGATE AN AVERAGE OF 1.7 0/0. PCI, HOWEVER, GAINED 55.5 0/0. IN ONE CASE, DC INCREASED VOTES BY 54 0/0 BUT PCI GAINED 66 0/0. IN COMMUNES MOVING OVER 30000, THE DC VOTES INCREASED BY AN AVERAGE OF 16 0/0 AND THOSE OF PCI BY 65 0/0.

4. BELOW ARE TABULATED ELECTION RESULTS. FOR COMMUNES UNDER 5000 INHABITANTS, PCI AND PSI PRESENTED, IN GENERAL, CONSOLIDATED LISTS. THERE WERE ALSO A NUMBER OF SO-CALLED HETEROGENEOUS LISTS WHICH INCLUDED MORE OR LESS RANDOM GROUPINGS DETERMINED BY LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES RATHER THAN BY NATIONAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IN THE LARGER COMMUNES, THE FIGURES SHOW THE NUMBER OF COMMUNES IN WHICH THE DC OR PCI HAVE HALF OR MORE OF THE SEATS OF A GIVEN COMMUNE AND THE VARIOUS TWO PARTY COALITIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE AT LEAST HALF THE SEATS IN A COMMUNE. WHERE ENTRY NONE APPEARS, NO TWO PARTY COALITION WOULD HAVE 50 0/0 OF THE SEATS AND A THREE PARTY COALITION WOULD BE NECESSARY.

A. COMMUNES UNDER 5000 (MAJORITY SYSTEM; 11 NOT VOTING OF WHICH 8 DC AND 2 LEFT)

	1970	1975		
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMUNES			150	126
OF WHICH				
DC	111	74		
LEFT	3	45		
HETEROGENEOUS		32	3	

B. COMMUNES BETWEEN 5000 AND 10000 (PROPORTIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SYSTEM; 3 NOT VOTING, ALL CENTER LEFT)

	1970	
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMUNES		28
OF WHICH		
DC/CENTER LEFT	23	
LEFT(PCI/PSI, PSDI)	5	

	1975	
TOTAL	44	
DC MAJORITY	15	
DC/PSI MAJORITY ONLY POSSIBLE		8
DC/PSI OR PCI/PSI MAJORITIES POSSIBLE	11	
PCI/PSI MAJORITY ONLY POSSIBLE		1
PCI MAJORITY	9	

C. COMMUNES BETWEEN 10000 AND 30000 (7 NOT VOTING OF WHICH 3 CENTER-LEFT AND 4 LEFT)

	1970	
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMUNES		25
OF WHICH		
DC/PSI, PSDI, PRI, PLI	16	
PCI/PSI, PSDI	9	

	1975	
TOTAL	39	
DC MAJORITY	5	
DC/PSI MAJORITY ONLY POSSIBLE		10
DC/PSI, PCI/PSI MAJORITIES POSSIBLE		8
PCI/PSI MAJORITY ONLY POSSIBLE		8
PCI MAJORITY	6	
NONE	2	

D. COMMUNES BETWEEN 30000 AND 100000 (ONE NOT VOTING, CENTER-LEFT)

	1970	
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMUNES		7
DC MAJORITY	1	
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DC/PSI, PSDI, PRI, PLI	5
PCI/PSI, PSDI	2

	1975	
TOTAL	16	
DC MAJORITY	0	
DC/PSI MAJORITY ONLY POSSIBLE		7
DC/PSI, PCI/PSI MAJORITIES POSSIBLE		2
PCI/PSI MAJORITY ONLY POSSIBLE		3
PCI MAJORITY	4	

5. PSI FREEDOM TO OPT FOR COALITION WITH EITHER DC OR PCI IS LESS THAN APPEARS ABOVE. IN 5-10000 INHABITANT BRACKET, IN FIVE OF ELEVEN CASES WHERE CHOICE POSSIBLE, PCI/PSI WOULD HAVE ONLY 50 0/0 OF SEATS WHEREAS DC/PSI WOULD HAVE

PREPONDERANT MAJORITY. IN ONE OTHER CASE, A DC/PSI MAJORITY WOULD HAVE ONLY 50 0/0 AS AGAINST A PREPONDERANT PCI/PSI MAJORITY. IN THE 10-30000 CATEGORY, PCI/PSI COALITIONS WOULD HAVE 50 0/0 OF SEATS IN 2 OF EIGHT CASES IN WHICH PSI CHOICE POSSIBLE. THESE OCCUR IN CONSTITUENCIES WHERE CENTER3LEFT HAS LONG TRADITION AND THE PSI/DC WOULD HAVE OVER HALF VOTES. THIS ALSO TRUE FOR BOTH CASES WHERE PSI OPTION OPEN IN 30-100000 GROUP.

6. IMMIGRATION HAS ALL BUT STOPPED IN PROVINCE OF MILAN IN THE LAST TWO YEARS AND URBAN PLANNERS DO NOT FORSEE A RESUMPTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANOTHER WAVE OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND CONSEQUENT LABOR IMPORTS, THERE SHOULD

BE FAR GREATER STABILITY IN THE PROVINCE IN THE FUTURE.
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